



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Nevada Site Specific Advisory
Board (NSSAB) Work Plan

Dear Mr. Boehlecke,

At our September 23, 2020, Full Board meeting, the NSSAB had the opportunity to review the list of activities the Department of Energy EM Nevada Program proposed the NSSAB incorporate into its FY 2021 work plan. In addition, the NSSAB also discussed potential tasks. After Full Board discussion, the NSSAB would like the EM Nevada Program's approval for the attached work plan.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on EM activities at the Nevada National Security Site and look forward to a productive year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Bonesteel', is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Frank Bonesteel, Chair

cc: Michelle Hudson, DOE/HQ (EM-4.32)
Kelly Snyder, DOE/HQ (EM-4.32)
Barbara Ulmer, Navarro
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Item 1	Work Plan Item:	<i>CAU 111, Area 5 Closed Mixed Waste Cells, Revegetation Path Forward</i>
	Briefing Provided:	May 2021
	Recommendation Deadline:	May 2021
	Description:	<p><u>Background:</u> In May 2021, the Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program will provide a briefing to the NSSAB on the status of revegetation efforts for Corrective Action Unit (CAU) 111, Area 5 Closed Mixed Waste Cells, on the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS).</p> <p><u>NSSAB Scope:</u> From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation suggesting a path forward regarding the re-vegetative cover at CAU 111.</p>

Item 2	Work Plan Item:	<i>External Peer Review Team Composition for Central and Western Pahute Mesa</i>
	Briefing Provided:	May 2021
	Recommendation Deadline:	May 2021
	Description:	<p><u>Background:</u> In May 2021, the EM Nevada Program will provide a briefing to the NSSAB describing the External Peer Review process including the proposed team composition for Central and Western Pahute Mesa.</p> <p><u>NSSAB Scope:</u> From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation on what types of representation should be on the External Peer Review panel for Pahute Mesa.</p>

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Item 3	Work Plan Item:	<i>Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Prioritization</i>
	Briefing Provided:	February 2021
	Recommendation Deadline:	February 2021
	Description:	<p><u>Background:</u> As part of the federal budget process, the EM Nevada Program must provide funding request information to HQ as it relates to planned FY 2023 activities. In February 2021, the EM Nevada Program will provide briefings on planned FY 2023 activities.</p> <p><u>NSSAB Scope:</u> From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation ranking the planned activities.</p>

Item 4	Work Plan Item:	<i>NSSAB Long-Term Strategy</i>
	Briefing Provided:	November 2020
	Recommendation Deadline:	January 2021
	Description:	<p><u>Background:</u> The EM Nevada Program mission is scheduled for completion in 2030. In November 2020, the EM Nevada Program will provide a briefing to the NSSAB describing the planned end state for its mission.</p> <p><u>NSSAB Scope:</u> From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation for how the NSSAB envisions its future role as the EM Nevada Program mission transitions to completion. This includes recommendations on the frequency of meetings, number of members, and overall community expectations.</p>

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Item 5	Work Plan Item:	<i>Interactive Public Information Website</i>
	Briefing Provided:	July 2021
	Recommendation Deadline:	September 2021
	Description:	<p><u>Background:</u> In July 2021, the EM Nevada Program will provide a briefing to the NSSAB on the potential transition and upgrade of the existing public-facing website with a new interactive site for EM activities.</p> <p><u>NSSAB Scope:</u> From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation on the nature, presentation, and functionality of an interactive public information website.</p>

Item 6	Work Plan Item:	<i>Communication Plan for Pahute Mesa Groundwater Sampling Results</i>
	Briefing Provided:	January 2021
	Recommendation Deadline:	May 2021
	Description:	<p><u>Background:</u> In January 2021, the EM Nevada Program will provide a briefing to the NSSAB on the communication plan for Pahute Mesa groundwater sampling results.</p> <p><u>NSSAB Scope:</u> From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation on obligations regarding the nature, frequency, and requirements of stakeholder/public notifications related to sampling activities and for ways the communication plan for Pahute Mesa groundwater sampling results could be enhanced.</p>

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Item 7	Work Plan Item:	<i>Public Access of EM History in Nevada</i>
	Briefing Provided:	July 2021
	Recommendation Deadline:	September 2021
	Description:	<p><u>Background:</u> In July 2021, the EM Nevada Program will provide a briefing to the NSSAB on information (fact sheets, websites, oral histories, books, reports, Nuclear Testing Archive, National Atomic Testing Museum, etc.) that is currently available to the public on the history of the EM Mission in Nevada.</p> <p><u>NSSAB Scope:</u> From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation on ways to preserve the institutional knowledge of activities completed under the EM Mission in Nevada and how that information can be made more readily accessible to the public.</p>